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SUBJ: FRANKFURT PAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEES REQUEST PRESIDENT FORD TO
REJECT CAB RECOMMENDATION IN TRANS-ATLANTIC CASE

REF: PARIS 23391

1. HERBERT LEUNINGER, FRANKFURT ACTING MANAGING DIRECTOR,
AND JOHN FEY, CHAIRMAN OF PAN AMERICAN'S LOCAL EMPLOYEE
PRODUCTS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, PRESENTED A PETITION AUGUST
12 PROTESTING CAB RECOMMENDATIONS IN TRANS-ATLANTIC CASE FOR
TRANSMITTAL TO PRESIDENT FORD.
LEUNINGER APPEARED AS REPRESENTATIVE OF MANAGEMENT AND FEY
AS REPRESENTATIVE OF LABOR.

2. PETITION REQUESTS PRESIDENT TO REJECT MAJORITY OF CAB RECOM-
MENDATIONS ON GROUND (A) THAT THEY ARE ILL CONSIDERED AND
DETRIMENTAL TO FOREIGN COMMERCE OF USA, IN PARTICULAR COM-
PETITIVE POSITION OF "AMERICA'S TWO INTERNATIONAL FLAG CARRIERS",
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(B) GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO DISSENTING OPINION BY CAB CHAIRMAN

ROBSON; AND (C) ENCOURAGE FORMULATION OF INTERNATIONAL AVIATION POLICY CONSISTENT WITH US ECONOMIC AND DIPLOMATIC GOALS AND DESIGNED TO PERMIT US INTERNATIONAL FLAG CARRIERS TO COMPETE ON EQUAL TERMS WITH SUBSIDIZED FOREIGN AIRLINES.

3. LEUNINGER AND FEY SAY PANAM EMPLOYEES IN A NUMBER OF OVERSEAS STATIONS HAD BEEN "ENCOURAGED" TO CONSIDER PREPARATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF PETITION TO THE PRESIDENT. THEY SAY PETITION WAS OPENED FOR SIGNATURE LATE AUGUST 9 AND SIGNED BY SOME 460 EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTING 20 NATIONALITIES, OUT OF ROUGHLY 700. IN LIGHT OF SHIFT WORK AND VACATION, THEY BELIEVE PETITION ENJOYS WIDESPREAD SUPPORT AMONG PANAM EMPLOYEES AT FRANKFURT.

4. I TOLD PANAM REPS I WOULD TELEGRAM SUBSTANCE OF PETITION AND THEIR COMMENTS AND TRANSMIT PETITION TO DEPARTMENT FOR ONWARD TRANSMITTAL TO WHITE HOUSE.

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